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A book which deserves some attention is Mr. Edwin A. Pratt's latest publication, "The Licensed Trade." It is described as an independent survey, but though it may not be strictly independent it is interesting as presenting in broad outlines the case for the defence of the liquor trade and the licensed trader. The dogmatism of the teetotaler have been so loud in the land of late years that the claims of the other side have been somewhat neglected, with the result that injustice has been done to a large section of the community and evil has followed where good was expected.

That people should live sober useful lives is not an ideal confined to the teetotaler. The temperate man abhors all excess, whether in eating or drinking, or in any other manner of life, and the man associated with the licensed trade, as he distiller, brewer or publican, has no liking for the drunken set. Indeed the drunkard is of no use to any but a teetotal lecturer. He is a horrible example without doubt, but what treatment should be meted out to him is rather an open question. Should he be regarded as one of the mentally deficient, then he ought to be treated as other imbeciles, but if he be placed under the category of those who over-indulge one or other of their appetites, then som-

form of restraint ought to be recommended. Those who come under the latter heading are departures from the normal type, and as Society has not yet decided upon the proper method of treating abnormalities we are still faced with the problem of what to do with these unhappy people. But because the mentally defective and the morally deficient do go astray and though it be unfortunate that the weak-minded individuals who constitute so substantial a proportion of the drunkard class do exist, that is no reason why the community should be deprived or deprive itself of the beverages which it likes. Admittedly it would be better that these people become total abstainers, but it would be grossly unfair to interfere with the rights, liberties and rational enjoyment of the sober in order to practise a doubtful experiment upon these abnormal persons. One might as well argue that because a few scorchers do harm to themselves and make themselves a menace on public roads that cycling should not be enjoyed by more rational people, or that a similar sacrifice be imposed upon those who spend their leisure in yachting because a few foolish ones are not wise enough to keep out of danger. The evils of "drink" are admittedly great among those of an abnormal type, but it is too much to expect that Society as a whole should be remodelled to meet their special conditions and requirements. It has been recognised that a man cannot be made sober by Act of Parliament, but I wish legislation in regard to drunkenness and drunkards may well be applied to the classes concerned, unfair and unnecessary restrictions should not be imposed on the reasonable enjoyment of persons who can take stimulants without either abusing or being prejudiced by them.

Leaving the drunkard let us consider whether the craving for stimulant is as pernicious as some of the teetotal addicts would have us believe. From the earliest times, when mead was prepared by adding water to wild honey and allowing the mixture to stand for some days until fermentation had taken place, men were accustomed to some form of intoxicating drink. They drank not merely to quench their thirst but also because the liquor imparted a pleasant feeling of warmth, modified the pangs of hunger, produced a sense of enjoyment and comfort, gave zest to social intercourse, lessened pain, deadened care, and imparted fresh vigour to the healthy man. Having all these reasons for partaking of stimulants is it any wonder that their use grew with the centuries? Of course most of these earlier beverages possessed considerable nutritive value, a claim which is not made for many modern liquors beyond ale or beer and it is doubtless due to this cause that the regrettable drunkenness of to-day may be attributed. The modern prohibitionist would not deny the use of tea or coffee. Yet they are stimulants in the same sense as the much abused wine, spirits or beer. In their respective ways they met the natural demand for a stimulant, and either, if indulged in to excess, is harmful to the individual. All these beverages, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, serve distinct purposes. In the first place they satisfy the physical sensation of thirst; in the second place they respond to the instinctive desire for a stimulant, and in the third place the alcoholic beverages are readily available. It being shown, then, that the craving for a stimulant is natural, the question naturally arises in what form should it be taken. Medical opinion is divided on the subject, but as many of the experts affirm that the moderate use of alcohol is beneficial from a health point of view, people will doubtless continue to take spirits, wine, beer or aerated water, not for the alcohol they contain but because of the stimulating effect which they produce. In other words, we have to distinguish very little between the teetotaler and the non-teetotaler inasmuch as an examination of the temperance drink patronised by the former show that in these he partakes of alcohol, and that being so the abstainer, as he calls himself, ought to be less inconsiderate to his brother whose drink is different to his own. The writer of this special plea deals with many incidental aspects of the trade, in interesting fashion, but for those readers referred to the book itself. His best or most telling point, we consider, is that with which he refers to the reaction likely to follow in the case of scholars who ultimately discover the exaggerations of the present "temperance" teachings permitted in Board Schools.

Two cases of plague, both fatal, were reported on Saturday, bringing the total up to 21.

The Chinese Government has ordered from the Kawasaki Shipbuilding Yard, Kobe, the construction of a gun-boat. The cost is said to be yen 1,400,000.

The death has just taken place at the Government Civil Hospital of Mr. C. H. Hamilton, who was engaged on the Canton Kowloon railway construction works. He was well known in the Colony and news of his death will be received with regret by a large circle of friends.

Many will be sorry to learn that Mr. Murray's *Monthly Review* has ceased to exist, at any rate, for the present. Lovers of good literature may well sit upon the ground and tell sad stories of the deaths of magazines. Gone are *Longman's, Temple Bar*, and many other old stagers have suffered a change into something new and strange. It is a melancholy sign of the times.

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne to act as second police magistrate; Lieutenant F. Forsyth to be surgeon captain in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps; and Mr. G. Grant to be acting surveyor of boilers of unlicensed steamships under 60 tons, during the absence on leave of Mr. W. C. Jack.

A Chinese youth at Kowloonholi, who attempted to rob a neighbour's house on Friday night, was considerably surprised when the woman of the house appeared on the scene and skilfully lassoed him, afterwards tying him to a bedpost with the rope. The police soon arrived and conducted him to the Magistracy, where he was dealt with by Mr. C. D. Melbourne.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that information has been received from the Military authorities that musketry field practices will be carried out daily from Monday, the 19th instant, until Friday, the 23rd inst., inclusive, commencing at 7.30 a.m. and finishing at noon, from the South-West slope of Victoria Peak below Mountain Lodge in a westerly direction towards the East slope of High West.

The number of visitors to Fuji has increased this year. Up to the present 200 ascend the mountain via Omiya daily. At the summit, a telegraph and telephone office have been provided. The *Osaka Mainichi* and the *Mainichi Dempo* have jointly established at the top a tent for the benefit of journalists who may attain the summit. The temperature at the top, on July 31st, was: morning, 48 deg. F.; noon, 61 deg., and midnight, 34 deg.

A gruesome discovery was made by an Indian policeman in Poklum Road on Saturday morning. Glancing upwards at a tree he saw the body of a man hanging from a branch, apparently dead. He proceeded to No. 7 Police Station and procured an ambulance cart on which the body was removed to the mortuary. Upon examination it was found that at the deceased, a coolie, had been dead about five days.

On Saturday morning a young Chinese woman named Leung Ki, residing at 20 Wing Fung Street, attempted to drown herself in the harbour. An Indian constable on duty in the Praya Central noticed her in the water as she came to the surface. He succeeded in getting her ashore and she was removed to the Government Civil Hospital in an unconscious condition. She will be brought up at the Magistracy this morning.

We read in the *Yorozu Choko* that much care and trouble have been expended by the Japanese Government in compiling a list of the foreigners to whom the Emperor will grant orders in recognition of services rendered during the war. All the claims are said to have received most careful scrutiny, and our contemporary alleges that the number of persons concerned is some 500. The list is expected to be published during the ten days of September. We do not know how far this statement may be credited.

It is stated that Japanese military authorities have decided to build fortresses at Namsan and Hoiryong in north-eastern Korea. The projected works are evidently of considerable extent for it is said that those of Namsan will involve an expenditure of 7 million yen and those at Hoiryong an outlay of 3 millions. The Portsmouth Treaty forbids the erection of any fortresses along the Russo-Korean frontier, but as Hoiryong is 40 miles from the nearest point of that frontier it does not fall within the treaty interdict.

Just before he left London for home Mark Twain said: "I have led a violently gay life here for four weeks, but I feel no fatigue and have had little desire to quiet down. I am younger now by seven years than I was, and if I could stay another month I could make it 40 years. This has been the most enjoyable holiday I ever had. I'm sorry the end has come. I have met 100 old friends and made 100 new ones. It is a good kind of riches to have. There is none better. For two years I have been planning my funeral, but I have changed my mind and postponed it. I suppose I shall not see England again, but I do not like to think of that."

"Sensational astronomy" is the term applied by Professor Charles L. Dochtul of the chair of astronomy at the University of Pennsylvania and director of the Flower Observatory, to the efforts of various scientists to prove that the planet Mars is inhabited. "I do not expect that the telescope or the telescopic camera will ever actually detect figures of living creatures upon Mars. There is nothing really determinate in our knowledge of the so-called canals of Mars. The very fact that the lines appear so mathematically exact would seem to refute the idea that they are artificial water channels for irrigation or other purposes. It is absurd to suppose that any intelligent beings would construct canals in perfectly straight and parallel lines for thousands of miles on the variable surface of the planet. There is more probability in the theory that these objects are an appearance rather than a reality, and are due to atmospheric or gaseous conditions."

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The following telegram was received by the American Consul General at 5.30 p.m. yesterday, from Manila Observatory: 18th moon, typhoon neighbourhood north Ladon Islands.

It is reported from a trustworthy source, says the *Hochi*, that the Formosan Government intends to re-start the lottery with a view to raising a fund for accomplishing public enterprise.

"General" Booth was tendered a huge reception at the Albert Hall on his return to London, and we note in a report of a London paper that "Commissioner" Noel, who accompanied the General on his tour, spoke of the wonderful campaign in Japan as an appendix to the Acts of the Apostle. Both he and "Colonel" Higgins, who followed, described the extraordinary scenes at the meetings in Japan, "when hundreds of the Japanese came to the penitent form and many afterwards rushed to the police stations to confess offences and receive punishment." This was rank fibbing.

Secretary Metcalf of the Navy and Postmaster-General Corday, having incurred the President's displeasure, are going to resign, Mr. Metcalf is intimately connected with the railway king, Harriman. Newspapers throughout the country are opposing his naval policy. He is being strongly denounced by all classes of people, who point out that his talk about the crisis of the great fleet in the Pacific before the President and admirals had come to any agreement, was intended to flatter the people of his native state, California, and that he has thereby injured the country's interests. By reason of this condemnation, he is unable to maintain his position. As for Mr. Corday, he has shown himself opposed to the nomination of Mr. Taft as presidential candidate, whom the President zealously supports. He has caused estrangement between Mr. Taft and his friends, and has also publicly spoken against the nomination recently in Ohio. Having greatly dispossessed Mr. Roosevelt in this way, it is believed there is no way for him but to resign.

LAWN BOWLS.

The return match between the Civil Service and the Kowloon Bowling Club was played on Saturday afternoon at the Happy Valley. Both teams turned out in fair strength and the four rinks which took part were thoroughly representative of both sides. But it was not expected that the visitors would win, as they did by eight points. On the whole the game was very good. Play may not have been of such a high order as is sometimes seen at these meetings, but the match proved very enjoyable, the excellent weather contributing to this result. The most interesting contest was witnessed in the rinks skipped by Henderson and Wheal. Shots were taken and displaced with remarkable skill, and the finish saw the Kowloon man with one point to the good, 19 to 18. An extra head was played and Henderson earned the plaudits of the onlookers with his last shot, a fine draw, which gave a second shot to his side. The Civil Service Club dispensed their usual hospitality and at the close of the match Mr. Henderson called for three cheers for their hosts and the compliment was returned on the initiative of Mr. Brett. The scores were:—

W. J. Crawford	Civil Service.
R. Hunter	—Thornhill.
G. E. Edwards	C. Bond.
A. A. Milroy (skip)	W. F. Fincher (skip) 9
J. C. Gow	P. R. Adams
J. Neave	M. McEvoy
A. Kamey	A. Blaney
T. Petrie (skip) 23	L. E. Brett (skip) 19
D. Harvey	B. Palmer
A. Nicholson	G. Hodcock
W. Hutchison	R. Ponson
W. Russell (skip) 12	W. H. Kelly (skip) 30
T. Skinner	H. Parkinson
W. Taylor	C. W. Brett
R. H. Baxter	J. Duncan
J. M. Henderson	A. A. Whelch (skip) 18
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THE FOURTH OF JULY HARVEST.

A list of Fourth of July casualties, as gathered by correspondents all over the United States, gives the following figures: Dead throughout country, 58; fatally injured, 102; probable deaths from lockjaw, 88; injured in Chicago (not fatal), 87; injured in other cities, 1,647. Classification of cause—By fireworks, 427; cannon, 44; firearms, 56; gunpowder, 58; toy pistol, 88; dynamite, 68; runaway, 16. The list does not include the following, all attributable to the excitement of the day: Murders, 7; suicides, 14; drownings, 8.

For purposes of comparison, the following are the deaths in previous years:—

Dead.	Injured.
1906	158 5,308
1905	182 4,934
1904	183 3,982
1903	466 3,983

The total fire loss attributable to fireworks was \$304,000. Damage by fire was greatly reduced by the heavy rains, which were general over the Middle West the night before the Fourth. It is certainly satisfactory to find that the great harvest growing less every year.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. str. *Sado Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 16th instant, and is expected here to-day.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kanada Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 16th instant, and is expected here on the 22nd inst.

The Indo-China str. *Namouang* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst. at 6 a.m. and is due here on the 22nd instant at about 8 a.m.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Heinrich* carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 30th ult. left Colombo on Friday the 16th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 27th inst. a.m.

The C.P.R. str. *Tarzai* arrived Nagasaki at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday the 17th inst., and leave again at 5 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 4 a.m. to-day.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinzess* which left here on

17th ult. arrived at Genoa on 17th inst. at 8 a.m.

Vladivostok to Odessa.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

KING AND KAISER.

LONDON, August 15th.

Huge crowds assembled at Caxton and cheered King Edward, the enthusiasm being remarkable. The monarchs held a review of troops, and drove out twice; afterwards dining at the castle. The speeches at the dinner were of the most cordial nature, both rulers dwelling upon the good relations of the two peoples.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY.

LONDON, August 15th.

The text of the Russo-Japanese Convention has been published at St. Petersburg: Both

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

The half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held on Saturday at noon in the City Hall. Mr. G. H. Medhurst (Chairman) presided, and there were also present Hon. Mr. H. Keswick (Deputy Chairman), Messrs. A. Fuchs, A. Haupt, C. R. Lenzmann, A. J. Raymond, E. Shellim, R. Shewan, H. A. W. Slade, H. E. Tomkins (directors), J. R. M. Smith (chief manager), J. C. Peters (chief accountant), C. W. May, G. de Champeaux, R. Mitchell, J. Wheeley, R. R. Hynd, E. F. Mackay, H. N. Mody, Cheung Koon Sin, G. Flory, Ho Kong Tong, A. F. Smith, W. Dunbar, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shui, G. C. C. Master, Ellis Kadore, Lau Pan Chin, E. S. Kadore, S. H. Michael, J. Barton, Wong Leung Lin, A. Forbes, W. H. Wickham, F. Smyth, F. Maitland, and E. G. Barrett.

The Manager having read the notice convening the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN read the report for the half year and afterwards said—Gentlemen, I feel confident that the report which I have just read will meet with a favourable reception from you, and that the proposed distribution of profits will likewise receive your approval. Looking at the balance sheet and comparing the present figures with those shown on 31st December last, you will find on the whole a substantial increase. I will refer briefly to the principal changes. Our note circulation has gone up to \$181,000, being an increase of \$20,000, and is \$81,000 in excess of our authorised issue. This excess we are required to cover by the deposit with the Hongkong Government of dollar for dollar, and you will observe that the condition has been more than complied with for the amount, as shown in the other side of the account, so deposited is ten millions of dollars. Both silver and gold current accounts have increased; the large increase of \$184,000 in the gold accounts being due, in a great measure, to proceeds of loans recently floated in London for foreign governments remaining with our office there at the time the accounts were made up. Fixed deposits in silver and gold, also bills payable show comparatively little change. On the other side of the account you will see that our cash and bullion in hand and in transit, taken together, are \$39,000 higher. Bills, discounted loans and credits are less by \$32,000, but bills receivable show the large increase of nearly twenty five millions of dollars which points to a very considerable expansion of our exchange business. There is no market change in the other items calling for comparison. Those present are only too well aware that trade legally and indeed throughout China during the period under review has continued to suffer from the depression referred to by my predecessor in this chair, and this reflected in the fall in prices of many local stocks and shares. Fortunately in other places where we are established a more active and prosperous condition of affairs has been experienced and we are therefore able to come before you not only with satisfactory results but also with the gratifying proof of an increased turnover. Our branches extend, as you know, to many countries and while the wide-spread field of our operations is not without responsibility and anxiety at times, it also has advantages and on the whole makes for steadiness in the expansion and progress of our business and for the equalization of our profits. In India especially, prosperity goes on, I may say unchallenged; the increase in the quantity of her crops and their enhanced value creates a large demand in that country for silver not only as currency to move the crop but also as bullion for manufacture of personal ornaments; its effect is seen in the advance in the price of silver. Whether a high silver level is beneficial or otherwise to the foreign trade of China is an open question; perhaps the more general opinion is that, in the present conditions of the country, a cheap currency, which means a comparatively low exchange, is on the whole best calculated to encourage local enterprises and develop trade, but each side will have its advocates until China is in a position to adopt a gold standard. To the ordinary business man out here that day seems at present a long way off; no progress is yet apparent towards taking the first practical step of reducing the various provincial silver taels, dollars and subsidiary coins into one uniform standard coinage throughout the Empire. Although I cannot point to any actual improvement in the import trade in the South of China I am glad to say the export season has opened well; the silk crop promises to be a full one and if the coming rice crop is harvested under favourable conditions as it is now being planted, the success of these two important factors combined cannot fail to materially add to the purchasing power of the people and result in better times for importers all round. Our friends in Shanghai and the North have also been concerned in bringing about a reduction of the large stocks of piece goods and yarn which they have had to carry for so long, in this they were greatly helped by the rise in cotton which prevented new goods being imported at least cost; these held and over led to the unusual spectacle of shipments of cotton goods to America. The situation has been further assisted by the opening of custom houses at Dali and on the Russian and Korean borders. This move may be regarded as likely to restore to Newchwang its position as the chief distributing centre for Manchuria. Clearance have been fairly satisfactory lately and as only small supplies are now coming forward the statistical position of the import trade has much improved. The Shanghai silk crop is also an excellent one and may be expected to have the same salutary effect on imports in the Northern that we hope for in the Southern provinces. Altogether with so many factors in our favour there does seem reason to think that our long suspense is drawing to a close, and that the

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improvement in business which we have often anticipated is slowly but surely appearing at last. (Applause) I may mention that calls on the new issue of shares have come in freely. When we meet six months hence I have no doubt the increase of capital will appear complete in the balance sheet, and though it will naturally be some time until the benefit is felt in our business, I think you may rest assured that you will receive a satisfactory return on your money. (Applause.)

There being no questions, the CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

Mr. MACKAY Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, in rising to second the Chairman's proposition, I feel I can add nothing to the very full and instructive review of the situation to which we have just listened, but, I think, I will be only voicing the feelings of those present when I say that a report of such a satisfactory nature could scarcely have been expected, taking into consideration the depressed state of trade generally throughout the Far East, and the increasing competition which has to be faced practically over the entire field of the Bank's operations. The advent of new Banking Institutions must spell smaller margins to the Banker and consequently improved rates to the merchant, from whose point of view they are, of course, to be welcomed, but as a shareholder of this Bank I can only congratulate the management on their excellent showing under such conditions. It proves the soundness and stability of the Bank's business, and points to one conclusion, that if such excellent results can be produced during a period of depression we may look with confidence to much better results when the more prosperous times arrive, which in common with your Chairman I believe to be not so far distant. I have much pleasure in seconding the Chairman's proposition that the Report and Accounts, as presented, be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. WHEELEY, seconded by Mr. MITCHELL, the appointment of the Hon. Mr. H. Keswick, Messrs. A. Fuchs, E. Shellim and H. A. W. Slade, as directors was confirmed.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen; thank you for your attendance.

JAPANESE RECRUITS.

Some time ago we received a letter from a correspondent asking whether one confirmation could be found of the assertion that within the past few years the status of Japanese recruits had increased several inches. An answer to this query is furnished by the *Nichi Nichi Shinbun* which says that, as compared with *antebellum* returns, the conscripts of the present day show no improvement, physically speaking. In fact they are somewhat inferior in this respect. On the other hand the war has had a noted effect in polarising conscription. There is a marked diminution in the number of attempted evasions, and to fail in satisfying the standards as now come to be regarded as a disgrace rather than as a matter of congratulation. Further, there is a palpable difference in the moral equipment of the cadets. They are found to be already acquainted with many subjects which previously had to be specially taught them after they had joined. Still it is evident that real improvement of the physical physique is not yet demonstrated in the person of the conscript. Japan May.

THE FLORES EXPEDITION.

DISAFFACTION AMONG DUTCH MILITARY ABOUT THE COMMANDER.

Troops forming part of the Flores field force have been drawn from different garrison places in Java. Captain Christoffel, the Commander, arrived at Sourabaya, on August 2nd, to await the coming of mounted infantry, which constitute the main body of the expedition. The moment the detachment arrived, on August 3rd, preparations were made for departure on the next day. The detachment is 1,100 strong, and 150 convicts have been told off to join the expedition as coolies.

Captain Christoffel was on active duty in Sumatra when the summons to Flores reached him. He is an alien from Switzerland, but has been naturalised. His appointment to the Flores expedition has aroused a lot of bad blood, on the ground that Dutch officers have been passed over in favour of a foreigner. Captain Christoffel's distinguished services in achieving success where other officers failed make no difference with them.

The argument is that Dutch officers should be given a chance to obtain honour in the field, and that the alien brother officer has had enough of opportunities for distinction.

ON CHOOSING A LOVER.

China and India seem to think alike on some matters. A Hindu writes:

I have to condemn another evil practice that exists among our girls, which is the latest importation from the West. I refer to co-ship before marriage. Amongst the Tamis, in the past, young men and young women never mixed together promiscuously. The keeping apart of the sexes was a practice that originated from climatic and other considerations. But the prevention of the promiscuous mixing up of unmarried young men and young women now looked upon by some boarding school girls as a relic of barbarism. This new idea must counter to the national instincts of the Tamis. The selection of husbands by our girls themselves will never result in the happiness of their home-life. Of course, they may have their voice heard in the matter, but the chief responsibility for the selection must devolve upon their parents or relations. Young minds fired with ardour love cannot be trusted to judge wisely or make the best selection. A girl may mistake the false deportment of a young man to win her love, to be genuine. He may love the dewy and not the girl and may not make an ideal husband. The girl will, in most cases, be guided by blind love, and will not reflect upon the consequences that follows a bad choice. Courtship does not, and will not give our girls the chance to gauge the true character of their lovers. It only encourages them in promiscuous walks, drives to lonely places, &c. Courtship encourages coqueting, flirtation and other evils unknown in the past history of the Tamis. Even in the West marriage by co-ship has not proved an unmixed blessing. Why are there more divorces among the Westerns than among ourselves? What is the time-honoured practice of the members of the Royal families in the West? Are not their marriages arranged by others?

A London telegram to New York papers reads:—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the novelist, and Miss Jean Leckie will be married in September. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is a bachelor. He is 48 years old.

first man dressed according to regulations, but Trooper Dupree was the first to mount. As he did not observe the conditions, however, he lost the race.

RUNNING AND LEADING RACE.—Entries in pairs. Course rectangular, angles say A, B, C, D. Even number will lead his partner's pony round ABC, which odd number will run from A to C. At C, even number will dismount and run to A, odd number will mount and lead round CDA. At A even number will mount and the pair will then ride as a half section past winning post.

Trooper R. F. C. Master and W. S. Dupree.

Trooper F. C. Hall and A. Morley.

Trooper E. Howard and H. B. Dowbiggin.

MESSAGE RACE.—Entries in pairs. Pairs will ride to a point indicated, even number will draw his rifle from back, dismount, fire two round blank and hand his pony to odd number, and double to front of Grand Stand, "Order Arms" and stand to attention. Odd number will take lead pony to a point marked by a flag and halt. When all the even numbers have arrived in front of the Grand Stand, the Judge will read out in a clear voice a "message" which the even numbers will commit to memory. In connection with this message maps may be consulted but written notes may not be taken. Even number will then rejoin his partner, return his rifle to buckler and communicate the message to him, after which he will mount his own pony. Odd number having learnt the message, will draw his rifle, dismount, fire two round blank, hand his pony to even number, and double to a point indicated where it will be found a table, cards and pencils. He will write out the message, sign his name, hand the card to the person in charge of the table, rejoin partner, mount, return and ride with partner to winning post.

Corporal A. J. Williams and Trooper

W. S. Dupree.

Troopers R. G. Munro and F. C. Hall.

Troop Sergt-Major G. C. Moxon and

Trooper R. F. C. Master.

To many this was the most interesting event of the day and displayed the qualities of some of our Volunteers as despatch bearers. The message, to one not conversant with the names of local villages, was a somewhat difficult one. Here it is:—"Ride to the Volunteer Camp near Ho Sheung Heung; tell him, the Office commanding the Troop, to occupy without delay the blockhouse at Kong Tau He and the police station at Shataukok placing six men and a N.C.O. in charge of each place with 200 rounds of ammunition per man and three days' rations. With the balance of his troops he is to patrol the telephone lines between Shataukok, Kao Tong Hung blockhouse, Ho Sheng Heung and Fanning; doing his utmost to prevent these lines from interference on the part of the natives."

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J. W. OSBORNE.

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CONVENTION RELATING TO JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN RAILWAY CONNECTION IN MANCHURIA.

TRANSLATED FROM OFFICIAL TEXT
IN FRENCH.

The Imperial Government of Japan and the
Imperial Government of Russia, having
resolved to conclude a Convention concerning
the connection of the Japanese and the Russian
Railways in Manchuria, conformatory to the
provisions of Article VIII of the Treaty of
Pase signed at Portsmouth on 5th September,
3rd August, 1905, the undersigned, Ichiro
Motono, Doctor on Droit, Envoy Extraordi-
nary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Japan, and le Maître de la Cour Imperial Alexandre
Iwolky, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia,
being duly authorized for the purpose by their
respective Governments, have agreed and
concluded the following articles, under the title
of Provisionary.

Regarding the provisions of this convention
which concern the South Manchuria Railway
Company on the one part and the Chinese
Eastern Railway Company on the other, the
two Governments engage mutually to take
necessary measures to ensure their prompt
execution by the said Companies.

Art. I.—The junction of the sections of the
two railways will be made at the boundary line
of the Chinese Eastern Railway. The Southern
Manchuria Railway Company shall prolong its
line at the gauge adopted by that Company
from the Tonkow station of the said Com-
pany to the limit of the Kuanchentz station of
the Chinese Eastern Railway, and the Chinese
Eastern Railway shall construct a line of the
same gauge in continuation to the Japanese
Railway to the platform of the Russian Kuanchen-
tze station. The Chinese Eastern Railway
shall construct in prolongation of its line, a
railway of the gauge of 1 meter 52 (Russian
gauge of 5 English feet) from the platform of
the Russian Kuanchen-ze station to the limit of
that station, and the Southern Manchuria
Railway Company shall construct a line of the
same gauge in continuation to the prolongation
of the Russian railway constructed by the
Chinese Eastern Railway Company to the
Japanese Tebehouten station.

The point of junction of the two sections of
the Japanese and Russian railways and the
gauge of that junction shall be resolved upon in
common accord between the two Companies.

Art. II.—The Southern Manchuria Rail-
way Company as well as the Chinese Eastern
Railway Company shall establish besides the
junction of their lines, direct communication
for passengers and for merchandise, and also
all the necessary installations in order to effi-
ciently shorten the distance with the least exp-
ense possible, the transport of the merchandise at
the terminal stations, made necessary by the
difference in the width of the gauges.

Each Company reserves the right to decide
on the plans of construction within the limits
of its own ground.

Art. III.—Each Company takes charge of
all the undertakings mentioned in
Art. I. and II. of the present convention
which entails on them respectively, and the
undertakings shall be executed by the
Companies with the least possible delay and as
far as possible simultaneously.

Art. IV.—The maintenance of the tracks, of
the installations for transmission and transport
and all the other accessories upon the ground of
each railway shall respectively be taken charge
of by the companies.

Art. V.—The traffic between the Southern
Manchuria Railway and the Chinese Eastern
Railway shall be established, conformatory to
the following conditions.

The passenger trains of the Southern Man-
churia Railway, with passengers, their baggage
and other objects transported by those trains
passed on the Japanese track to the Russian
station of Kuanchentz, and the passenger
trains of the Chinese Eastern Railway, with
passengers, their baggage and other objects
transported by those trains passed on the
Russian track to the Japanese station of
Tschenthouen.

The freight trains of the Southern Manchuria
Railway to proceed on the Chinese Eastern line
come on the Japanese track to the Russian
station of Kuanchentz, where the delivery
and transport of the merchandise to the Russian
railway are effected, and the freight trains of
the Chinese Eastern Railway to proceed on the
Southern Manchuria line to the Russian
track to the Japanese station of Tschenthouen,
where the delivery and transport of
the merchandise to the Japanese railway are
effected.

Art. VI.—The time schedule for the
movement of trains, having in view the connec-
tion of the two railways, shall be arranged in
common accord by the managements of the two
Railway companies.

Art. VII.—The passenger freight charges
for travelling between the two terminal stations
shall be collected: Those going from south
to north, conformatory to the tariffs in force on
the Southern Manchuria line, and those going
from north to south, conformatory to the tariffs
in force on the Chinese Eastern line.

The distribution of the fees collected for
transport on the lines of the two Companies
shall be made in accordance with an agreement
to be concluded between the managements of
the two Companies.

Art. VIII.—Each Company enjoys the right
gratuitously and reciprocally to make use of the
connecting line and the installations attached to
the service of transport appertaining to the
other.

Art. IX.—The two railway Companies shall
organise a train service mutually co-ordinating
and sufficient to ensure regular passenger and
merchandise traffic, and establish regulations
and provisions for the service of exploitation,
all in conformance to the interests of that
service.

Art. X.—All the provisions to be later adopted
on the basis of the present Convention and
concerning the train service, the transport of
merchandise, the signal service, etc., shall be
regulated by special arrangement between the
two Companies, with due approval of the
respective Governments. The mutual use of
the organs of transportation, the relation
between employees of the two railways as well
as the mode of fixing the joint quota to each
administration in the distribution of the
receipts, shall be regulated subsequently by the
similar arrangement.

Art. XI.—In all cases where the management
of the two railways cannot agree on points covered
by present Convention or in general upon all the
other points concerning their reciprocal relations
mentioned in this Convention, the differences
shall be regulated by the decision of the two
respective Governments, arrived at in common
after the exchange of views between them, on
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In proof whereof the Envoy Extraordi-
nary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Japan and the
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signed the present Provisional Convention and affixed
their seals thereto.

Dated at St. Petersburg in duplicate on the
13th day of the sixth month of the 9th of Meiji
corresponding to 31st May or 13th June 1907.
(Signed) I. WOLKY.
(Signed) I. MORONO.

The Convention contains three additional
articles and a protocol. These will be published in
a later issue.—*Japan Times.*

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. say in their
weekly share report, dated August 17th, 1907.—
Business shows no improvement, and while
Raubs, Dairy Farms, Cements, Ropes, Tram-
ways, Shanghai Docks and Langkawi show a
slight rise in values, Banks, Hongkong Canton
and Mazao Boats, Fire Shares, Star Ferries,
Shell Transport, Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharves and Electricians have declined, other
stocks remaining unchanged, but rather quiet.

The sterling demand for exchange on
London closes at 2s. 2 1/2d., while the rates on
Shanghai are Tls. 7 1/2 for a Bank U. T. and Tls.
7 3/4 for a three day sight private draft.
Barclay in London after advancing to 32 1/2d.,
closes at 31 1/2d. Coisols, are quoted at
41 1/2d.

BANK SHARES.—Hongkong and Shanghai
sold at \$515 and \$523 for new shares, but only
in a small lot, and fractional certificates at
\$199. The market closes quiet with sellers at
\$870 for old ex new, and \$510 for new shares,
London quoting £50 and £50 respectively.
National are unchanged.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—A few North
China sold at Tls. 75, and more shares are
wanted; other stocks under this heading re-
main unchanged and without business.

PIPE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong
has dropped to \$315 sellers, and probably a
lower rate would be accepted, if made. China
has dropped to \$315 sellers, and probably a
lower rate would be accepted, if made. China
is quoted at \$87.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and
Mazao Steamship Shares sold at 28 1/2d. to \$291
as dividend, at \$28 to \$22 for the dividend of
\$1 per share paid on 13th instant; at the close
of the day, rates at 28 1/2d. rule the market. China and
Manila can be placed at \$15. Douglas are
quiet at \$41. Indias are quiet at \$39 for Prefer-
ences and at \$28 for Deferred shares, the respective
London quotations being £4 1/2d. 6d. and
£3 5d. Star Ferries have dropped to sellers at
\$870 for old and \$199 for new shares. Shell
Transport are nominal at 45d., London quoting
43d. sellers. Union Waterways have sellers at
\$12.

REFINERIES.—A very small lot of China
Sugar fetched \$102, but the closing quotation
is only \$100. Lulus are unchanged.

MINING SHARES.—Charbonnages are un-
changed. Raubs sold at rates ranging between
\$5 and \$12, closing with sellers at the higher
figure; a telegram from the mine reports a
crushing of 5,270 tons of ore, 939 ounces
of melted gold, a distinct improvement
on last crushing. Chinese Engineering and
Mining Company's shares have sellers at Tls.
154, the total output of the Company's three
mines for the week ending 27th ultimo amounted
to 25,225 tons of coal, and the sales during the
same period to 14,839 tons.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS &c.—
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's
shares changed hands at \$92 to \$100, closing
quietly at the higher figure. Shanghai Docks
rose to cash sales at Tls. 82, closing at Tls. 81,
which have been reported at Tls. 83 and \$1 for
31st December, and at Tls. 86 for 31st March
last. Fawklands as well as new Amy Docks are
without sales and unchanged. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves,
which paid an interim dividend of Tls. 2 per
share on the 13th instant, are quoted at \$21
in the north. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves
found purchasers at \$70, at which rate they are
in small demand.

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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, MANILA AND YOKOHAMA	MANILA	About 30th August	Freight and Passage.

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E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 19th August, 1907.

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NAPLES, GENOA, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP	"PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD"	Wednesday, 29th Aug., at NOON
and BREMEN	Capt. H. KIRCHNER	
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PRINZ HEINRICH"	About Wednesday, 28th August.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BORNEO"	About Saturday, 31st Aug., at 9 A.M.
MANILA, NEW GUINEA, BRIS- BANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND"	Thursday, 12th Sept., at NOON.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
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Agents.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1907.

SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.
AMOY, German str., 663, H. Planck, 15th Aug.—Quon Hou and Yoware 12th Aug., General—Sander, Wiesler & Co.

BELLEROPHON, British str., 5,226, T. Bartlett, 9th August—Taeome, Wash., U.S.A. 10th July, General—Butterfield & Swire.

CATHERINE ARCAN, British str., 1,730, W. D. A. Thomas, 16th August—Singapore 11th August, General—David Sisson & Co.

CHINCH, Chinese str., 1,177, C. Stewart, 15th August—Shanghai 11th August, General—Chinese.

CHINSANG, British str., 1,417, D. A. King, 12th August—Saigon 8th Aug., Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DERWENT, British str., 1,561, J. Jenkins, 16th August—Swatow 15th Aug., Chinese.

DEVANSONG, German str., 1,267, T. V. Brum, 14th August—Bangkok 7th August, Rice—Meat—N. D. L.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British str., 3,028, H. W. L. Holman, 16th August—Kota 11th August, General—C. P. R. Co.

GENFARG, British str., 2,350, H. W. L. Holman, 16th August—Kota 11th August, General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

HAIRH, British str., 2,143, A. Bowring, 31st July—Melbourne 29th June, Flour—Shewan, Tones & Co.

HEIMDAL, Norwegian str., 762, T. Johnson, 12th August—Saigon 10th August, Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HELIOPOLIS, British str., 2,057, Martin, 16th August—Chin Wang Tao 8th Aug., Gibb Livingston & Co.

KJELD, Norwegian str., Hellsoe, 16th August—Mej 9th August, Coals—Order.

KWONSAM, British str., 1,428, W. Palmer Baker, 14th August—Shanghai 10th via Swatow 13th Aug., Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LAURENT, British str., 1,344, J. B. Jackson, 13th Aug.—Saigon 9th Aug., Rice—Chinese.

LOU SUN, German str., 1,024, R. Houghton 9th Aug.—Sandakan 4th Aug., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

NICHIBEI MARU, Japanese str., 881, R. Mirakawa, 13th Aug.—Wakatasu 7th Aug., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

NIKKAI MARU, Japanese str., 1,144, W. Nakagawa, 15th Aug.—Hongay 12th Aug., Coal—A Buna.

PHEMPHEN, British str., 1,455, J. H. Scott, 15th Aug.—Saigon 11th Aug., Rice—Meat—Chinese.

QUANTA, German str., 1,145 II, Madras, 16th August—Java—Port 7th August, Sugar—Java China Japan Lijn.

RUWA, German str., 2,024, R. P. Parker, 14th Aug.—Bangkok 7th Aug., Rice & Timber—Butterfield & Swire.

REVERDALE, British str., 2,381, H. Hay, 9th Aug.—Soemabaya 30th July, General—Butterfield & Swire.

SHANJUNG, British str., 1,825, J. Robinson, 14th Aug.—Java (Cirebon) 26th July, Sugar—Batyfield & Swire.

SINGAPORE, Japanese str., 6,337, Kaisui Kowari, 11th August—Satell & Shanghai 8th Aug., General—Yung Yen, Rice—Kaisui & Co.

SUN YUNG, Japanese str., 1,304, R. Houghton 11th Aug.—Kampong 31st July, Rice & Wood—Melchors & Co.

SUNGKIAN, British str., 1,244, R. H. P. Houghton 10th Aug.—Cebu & Illoilo 6th Aug., Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.

TAIHAN, Chinese str., 1,216, R. Stephen, 12th August—

POST OFFICE NOTICE

The *Telegraph*, with the French mail of the 19th July, left Saigon on Friday, the 16th inst., at 7 a.m., and may be expected here to-day, at daylight. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 15th June.

FOR PER DATE

Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe
Cebu and Iloilo
Macao
Swatow and Shanghai
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TO DAY.

Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting, Hongkong & Whampalock Co. Ltd., at C. O. Offices, noon. Sale, Leasold Properties, Sales, Rooms, Geo. P. Lommet, 3 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

August 17th.

ON LONDON—
Telegraphic Transfer 2 21
Bank Bills, on demand 2 21
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 2 21
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2 21
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2 21
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight 2 21
ON PAIRS—
Bank Bills, on demand 27 9
Credits, at 4 months' sight 28 5
ON GERMANY—
on demand 22 8
ON NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, on demand 54 1
Credits, at 30 days' sight 55 2
ON BOMBAY—
Telegraphic Transfer 165 3
Bank, on demand 166 4
ON CALCUTTA—
Telegraphic Transfer 165 3
Bank, on demand 166 1
ON SHANGHAI—
Bank, at sight 21
Private, 30 days' sight 21
ON YOKOHAMA—
On demand 108 3
ON MANILA—
On demand—Pesos—108 3
ON SINGAPORE—
On demand 51 0 p.c.m.
ON BATAVIA—
On demand 133 2
ON HAIKONG—
On demand 41 0 p.c.m.
ON SAIGON—
On demand 4 0 p.c.m.
ON BANGKOK—
On demand 67 3
SOVEREIGN BANK'S Buying Rate, 88 95
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael 347 30
BAR SILVER, per oz. 31 2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese—10 cents pieces 88 35, discount.
10 " " 8 95
Hongkong 20 " " 8 15
10 " " 8 25

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August 17th.

Quotations are—
Malta New 88 40 per picul.
Malta Old 88 80 " "
Malta Old 89 00 " "
Malta V. Old 89 44 " "
Persian extra fine 86 50 " "
Persian extra fine 87 00 " "
Patna New 88 20 per chest.
Patna Old 88 15 " "
Bengal New 88 15 " "
Bengal Old 88 00 " "

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

July 17th—*Indravati*, *Anatoni Mara*, *Tanbo*, 24th—*Hydra*, 27th—*Agamemnon*, *Lennos*, *Sanki Mara*, *Brasilien*, 31st—*Flintshire*, *Longer*, *Sikli*, *Braufoels*, *Norman Prince*, *Whitethorn*, August 3rd—*Achilles*, *Antenor*, *Sydney*, *Liberia*, 9th—*Bene*, *Braemar*, *Manila*, *Oceanien*, *Prinz Heinrich*, *Rheinland*, *Hyson*, 10th—*Maryland*, *Australien*, *Peru*, *Menelaus*, *St. Domingo*, *Tumba Mara*, *Peruia*, 14th—*Frankby*, *Indrasinha*, *Osaka*, *Osack*, *Cardiganshire*, *Christiania*, *Preussen*, *Kanagawa Mara*.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per *Yokohama*, from Swatow, Mrs. Geraty and two Miss Ellists.
Per *Taquin*, from Yokohama, &c., for Sydney, Colonial Cox.
Per *Transvaal*, from Antwerp, Mr. Henritz, and Miss Zimmerman.
Per *Tijl*, from Macassar, Mr. and Mrs. A. Carol and 2 children.
DEPARTED.
Per *Zofia*, from Hongkong, for Manila, Messrs. G. Krammer, W. Kellinhusen, G. N. Guertin, J. V. Jorge and F. Damaso.

BANKS

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS—
STERLING £1,000,000 at 2% \$10,000,000
SILVER 11,750,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS 10,000,000

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HONGKONG INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

J. R. M. SMITH
Chief Manager, Hongkong, 17th August 1907. 21

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
J. R. M. SMITH
Chief Manager, Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. 22

HEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE HANDELSBANK (NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK)

ESTABLISHED 1863.

Authorised Capital Fl. 15,000,000 (\$1,250,000)
Subscribed Capital Fl. 10,000,000 (Paid up)
Reserve Fund Fl. 2,112,570.36 (\$170,048)

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THE BANK buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit payable in all important places of the World and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits: 12 months 4% per annum.

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J. O. BOETJE, Manager, No. 16, Des Vaux Road Central.

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THE BANK OF TAIWAN LIMITED

INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER

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D. TOHDOW, Manager, Hongkong, 5th April, 1907. 842

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Fiscal Agents of the United States in China, the Philippines, and the Republic of Panama.

CAPITAL PAID-UP Gold \$3,250,000

= about Mex. \$90,000.

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